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SUBJECT: TRA AND GE SIGN CONTRACT FOR RR ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT

REF: A) TAIPEI 2414; B) TAIPEI A-13 OF 1/26/73; C) DEPT A-9633

OF 11/21/73

DEPT PASS EXIM BANK

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1. THE LONG DRAWN OUT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TRA AND GE WERE FINALLY CONCLUDED WITH THE FORMAL SIGNING OF A CONTRACT ON APRIL 27. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SIGNING CEREMONY WAS MARRED BY A SNAFU ON THE PART OF TRA. SIGNING WAS SECHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT 11 A.M. HOWEVER, TRA MOVED TIMING AHEAD TO 10:30 BUT FAILED TO NOTIFY ALL GE PRINCIPALS.

THE RESULT WAS THAT THE TOP LEVEL GE REP, WHO CAME FROM N.Y. ESPECIALLY

FOR THE OCCASION, ARRIVED PROMPTLY AT 11:00 ONLY TO DISCOVER THE CONTRACT

HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED. TRA'S EXPLANATION WAS THAT THE DIRECTOR HAD TO LEAVE TOWN THUS NECESSITATING THE CHANGE IN TIMING. TRA WAS EMBARRASSED AND GE MIFFED.

2. THE CONTRACT, WHICH IS VALUED AT US\$80.7 MILLION, IS MAINLY FOR EQUIPMENT: \$48 MILLION FOR LOCOMOTIVES AND \$32 MILLION FOR RAILS

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TO BE PROVIDED BY MK.

3. THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION BY MK IS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE SIGNED BY LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY. CONTRACT WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$23 TO \$27 MILLION.

4. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION IS NOW BEING PLANNED TO COMMENCE IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR. A GERMAN CONSULTANT GROUP HAS BEEN RETAINED BY TRA FOR OVERALL PLANNING OF THE PROJECT.
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